

## **Community Forums on Gloucester Harbor Additional Comment Submitted in Writing**

6/2/08

I didn't speak, but I would like to strongly echo three themes:

- Small craft boating – I kayak, is there room for kayaking in the plan? (racks to store, docks to enter)
- I love the working harbor. It should be vital accessible, but not too doll-house perfect beautiful.
- Better pedestrian access to water from town (side walks)!

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Dear Sarah,

What a wonderful presentation thorough, thoughtful, welcoming. What a way to invite reflection and participation. If you are a good representation of all involved in this process and the government of Gloucester both the future and the present, we are in good hands.

I'm an outsider (NYC) who married into a family with a house on Coolidge Point next to Magnolia. I have come to believe that Gloucester is the social jewel of Cape Ann (I'm partial to the Essex Marsh and Crane's Beach as the natural jewels of Cape Ann).

So, great good luck to Gloucester and you as you think about the next stages of the life of Gloucester.

If you could use some skilled photographic services, I'd be delighted to donate my skills.

Paul Stetzer

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Hi Sarah,

I attended the East Gloucester "listening post" on visions for the harbor. Many of the ideas floated there seemed to have merit; among those particularly appealing to me were:

- Retaining the working atmosphere in the area surrounding the harbor, to the extent possible,
- Incorporating opportunities to present "Gloucester's story" to all (citizens and visitors),
- Relocating the freezer plants to open-up the harbor,
- Presenting a more welcoming harbor to sailors and other cruising boats, and
- Encouraging the continued presence of the arts and the creative atmosphere that supports the artists.

I was surprised though to hear no discussion of the potential for significant changes to our geography due to the impact of global warming. I hope that whatever plans are contemplated that there be serious assessment of the potential for changes to our current harbor boundaries and the impact to businesses adjacent to the harbor's edge due to these changes. While no one can tell for sure what the future impacts may be, it would seem foolhardy to proceed with planning at the water's edge without taking this into account.

Thanks for listening!

Kathryn Chamberlain

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From: *"Donna Friedman" via email:*

>I would love to attend one of these meetings but my work prevents  
>me at the moment. Is there a place to write in?  
>Gloucester and the integrity of its waterfront is important to me  
>because of what it represents. For me it is a part of my family  
>heritage and one that I am very proud of. As someone who has moved  
>away, I value more than ever what Gloucester gave me. The Fort is  
>particularly meaningful to me as my great-grandfather built one of  
>the original houses (the one on the end of Beach Ct. where the races  
>are announced from at the Fiesta). Four generations of my family  
>lived in that house. I can still remember the sound of the ocean as  
>the waves crashed at night onto Pavillion Beach. I am therefore  
>very interested in the vision of its future. In my position as  
>Deputy Executive Director of a mental health clinic, I have grown to  
>appreciate how important strategic planning and vision are. I am  
>excited for the citizens of Gloucester to have a Mayor who is such a  
>visionary. The summer before I graduated from college, I worked as  
>an intern in the Mayor's office. It is hard to believe it but that  
>was nearly 25 years ago. I remember well the challenges that city  
>faced then. It was very exciting to be a part of local government.  
>I am happy to know that you are involved in this Roz as I know that  
>you are a leader as well with Gloucester's best interest at heart.  
>Hope to see you on my trip home this summer. I am going to try to  
>come to the Fiesta. Keep in touch. Warmly, Donna

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From: Corinne Standley via email  
Subject: Re: What is your vision for Gloucester's future?  
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To preserve and maintain the history and heritage, remember the fishing industry and the fishermen. Keep as much original history as possible, keep the buildings historical and in relation to the waterfront. If possible keep the fishing wharfs in tact. I miss the ocean air and wish I was there. Preserve the shoreline and dont let it become too commercialized and growing in the wrong direction. Keep it like it has always been, the Italian Fiesta in June with fireworks etc. The Greasy pole, everything we remember. Especially Sebastian's Pizza. I crave that Pizza. Georgia deos not have authentic Sicilian Pizza.

Corrine Standley, *daughter of Walter and Irene Frontiera (20th century Fish Processors)*